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### TELEPHONE CO. MEETING

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He added that consideration had been given by the Company to long distance Radio Telephony, and said that, in regard to the laying of a trunk cable to Canton, it was the first project of its kind to be undertaken in China. It would, he ventured to predict, prove to be the forerunner of a network of communications which would eventually link up all the important cities in that vast country.

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### AUTOMATIC IN KOWLOON

The following Directors and shareholders were present:—The Hon. Sir Show-sen Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., L.L.D., the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, and Messrs. J. P. Sherry (Manager), W. E. Clark, R. G. Shewan, J. P. Warren, D. H. Blake, J. M. Alves, G. C. Moxon, E. M. Raymond, F. M. Ellis, J. T. Bagram, V. Walker, J. Gould, Tang Kim-kwong, Wong Ping-Chun, Sun Tai-sang, Mahan Singh, and Mr. W. L. MacKenzie (Secretary).

The report for the year ended December 31, 1930, which was taken as read, showed that the balance at credit of profit and loss account for the year (including the sum of \$50,635.27 brought forward from the previous year) amounted to \$615,454.92. After charging \$228,195.65 for depreciation and effecting, on August 1, 1930, the payment of an interim dividend of four per cent, absorbing \$92,000, there remained the sum of \$295,259.27, which the Board recommended to be appropriated as follows:—

\$193,000 to payment of a final dividend of six per cent, (making 10 per cent. for the year); \$50,000 to transfer to general reserve (bringing the same up to \$275,000); and \$62,259.27 to be carried forward to the next account.

**Chairman's Address.**  
The Chairman, Mr. J. Scott Harston, then made the following address:—

You will observe from the auditors' report that an audit of the share transfers and registers of the Company has been conducted throughout the year, and I am confident that the policy of your Board in arranging for this audit, as an additional precaution in the interests of your Company, will have the endorsement of shareholders.

With regard to the accounts, you will observe from perusal of the debit side of the Profit & Loss Account, that the amount of the royalties payable to the Government continues to increase each year, and that for the year under review such amount is \$1,499 in excess of the sum paid for the previous year.

**Bad Debts.**  
The item in respect of "Bad Debts" is a negligible amount, and it would be superfluous for me to refer thereto, except to state that your Board feel that the figure can only be kept down to its present satisfactory level by a continuation of your Company's system of deposits, to which I have already referred from the Chair on previous occasions.

Turning now to the credit side of the Profit & Loss Account, I would draw your attention to the item "Interest, Dividends and Exchange," and would point out that the sum shown is composed of the most part of the earnings on the investments representing the Company's Reserve Fund. This sum, together with that shown at

the credit of the items "Sales of Obsolete Stores and Plant," "Profit on Sale of Investments," and "Premium on Shares," coupled with the increase in revenue subscriptions resulting from additional lines connected up during the year, have helped to counteract the increase working costs caused by the serious decline in the sterling value of the Hong Kong dollar. In connection with the item "Sales of Obsolete Stores and Plant," I am pleased to say that your Company has been able to dispose of a considerable amount of old magnet plant, which was written off on the change-over to automatic working, and I believe that a good demand for the balance still exists. The profit on sale of investment was one which occurred because, owing to the appreciation of the market value thereof, your Directors were of the opinion that realisation of the investment referred to should be effected. As regards the premium on shares, this resulted from the sale of the balance of 73 unissued shares.

**Bonus to Staff.**  
The usual bonus to the European staff has been provided for in the Profit & Loss Account, and I have no doubt such provision will be approved by shareholders, in view of the heavy work entailed during the period covered by the change-over from manual to automatic working.

With regard to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will notice that (if you approve your Directors' recommendation that \$50,000 be appropriated thereto for the year under review) the General Reserve Account will stand at \$275,000. On the assets side of the balance sheet, this particular account is represented by sound investments—in which relation it is gratifying to note the appreciation of the latter, as indicated by the difference between the cost price and the market value thereof as at December 31, 1930.

**Adequate Reserve.**  
When I addressed you from the Chair at the last annual general meeting, I laid stress on the advisability of increasing the yearly appropriation to General Reserve, which is at present limited under the terms of the Company's franchise to \$50,000 per annum, and your Directors still have this matter in mind. In the circumstances, I feel that it is opportune to make further reference to the subject in view of the obvious necessity of building up an adequate reserve to provide against contingencies of which the fall in the value of the Hong Kong dollar is a striking example; furthermore, it is, I think, equally necessary in the interests of sound finance for your Company to be permitted latitude in the matter of increasing the appropriation to this account in order to be in a position to compensate for a possible future depreciation arising at a time when conditions might be such that in respect of a preceding year, your

## AIR MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

Proposal Now Being Considered.

NIGHT TRAFFIC URGED.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Discussing the extension of the air mail service to Australia with a deputation of business men, the Air Minister, Lord Alhuree, said that the question had been discussed at the Imperial Conference and proposals were now being considered by the Governments of India, the Straits Settlements and the Commonwealth. The inauguration of the scheme depended on the financial support available. The deputation urged the development of night air mails and the speeding up of air mails by the separation of passenger and mail traffic and the alteration of a mail service on a 24-hour schedule.

**Route to the Cape.**  
An Imperial Airway Flying Boat, which is inaugurating the Northern section of the Cairo-Cape Route, arrived at Kisumu, Lake Victoria, last night, and unloaded mails which left London on February 26. It is expected to reach Mwanza, Tanganyika, the present terminus, to-day. The southern section of the route will be opened during the Summer.—British Wireless Service.

**Notes on the Service.**  
London, Feb. 14.  
The 2,670 miles North-Africa section of the Imperial Airways London-Cape air route will be opened for traffic on Thursday, March 5, when an inaugural flight will be made from Cairo to Mwanza, Tanganyika Territory, the machine arriving at Mwanza on Monday, March 9.

The route from Cairo to Mwanza will be via Assiut, Luxor, Assuan, Wadi Haifa, Khartoum, Kosti, Malakal, Shamba, Juba, Butinaba, Port Bell, and Kisumu. The service will be operated weekly in each direction. The flight through from London to Mwanza will be accomplished in nine days, as compared with 24 days by surface transport. A return flight from Mwanza will start on Tuesday, March 10, arriving at Cairo on Sunday, March 14, and reaching London on Wednesday, March 18.

The total distance from London to Mwanza is 5,114 miles. Mails and freight will be carried through from London to Mwanza, but at first passengers will not be carried South of Khartoum.

Prior to the putting on service of the new 38-passenger Handley Page air-liners, the European section of the route will be operated by machines of the Armstrong Siddeley "Argosy" type, while Short "Calcutta" flying boats will be used on the Mediterranean section. The North-Africa section between Cairo and Khartoum will be flown by "Argosies," and then "Calcutta" flying boats will carry on the route to Kisumu and Mwanza, along the Nile and African lakes.

It is hoped that by May or June, 1931, the full 8,000 miles route from London to Cape Town will be in operation, bringing London within 11 days of Cape Town as compared with 17 days by surface transport. The main halting points on the route southward from Kisumu will be at Nairobi, Broken Hill, Salisbury, Bulawayo, Johannesburg, Kimberley, and Victoria West. Intermediate halts will also be made at other points.

Company was not able to vote the full amount permitted under the terms of its franchise—in which connection it appears to be some what of an anomaly that your Company is, under the existing restrictions, precluded from giving effect to an arrangement on the lines indicated.

**Reserve Fund.**  
You will further observe that your Directors (following the policy defined by me from the Chair at the last annual general meeting in reference to investing the Company's general reserve in securities outside the business) have now invested the "Depreciation Reserve" in a similar manner—a mode of procedure which (Continued on Page 4.)

## OVERLOADING OF A STEAMER.

Did Manager Divulge the Offence?

UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT.

Reference to the break between two parties of members of the Sze Yap S.S. Co., Ltd., which had its sequel before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) in the Supreme Court last month, was made in the Marine Court this morning, when the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired) heard evidence in a summons relating to the overloading of the s.s. Tai Lee, belonging to the Company.

**Summons Against Manager.**  
First an adjourned summons against Mr. Chan Yan-tong, manager of the Sze Yap S.S. Co., Ltd., in which he was charged with allowing the s.s. Tai Lee to be overloaded to the extent of submerging the centre of the disc, at Ping On Wharf, at 8 p.m. on March 1, was dealt with.

When the case first came on before his Worship on Thursday morning, Mr. C. E. S. Brooks, who appeared for the defence, objected to the summons against Mr. Chan on two grounds (1), that Mr. Chan was not the owner of the Tai Lee, and therefore did not have any say with regard to its loading; and (2) that he knew nothing about the overloading, and therefore was not liable. The summons, he contended, should have been taken out against the Company and not against an individual connected with it.

**Arrestments Allowed.**  
This morning his Worship said with regard to this case—that he was satisfied that Mr. Chan was not the owner of the Tai Lee and, therefore, the summons taken out against him was bad. He would uphold Mr. Brooks' arguments on behalf of Mr. Chan and dismiss the case against him. A fresh summons was then dealt with in which the Sze Yap S.S. Co., owners of the Tai Lee, were charged with allowing the ship to be overloaded.

Mr. Brooks stated that he had been instructed to defend the Company, and entered a plea of "not guilty."

**Overloaded Seven Inches.**  
Boarding Officer A. G. Cook, of the Harbour Department, was the first witness. He said that at about 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, he went on board the Tai Lee and on examining her marks he found that the centre of the disc was submerged three inches on the starboard side and 12 inches on the port side. The draft at the time was 9 feet 6 inches forward and 11 feet aft, making the ship overloaded to an average of 7 inches.

He communicated with the master of the ship who gave instruction to discharge cargo. Replying to Mr. Brooks, Mr. Cook said that the information as to the overloading was obtained from his own observations.

Mr. Brooks: Do you know that in fact information was received at the Harbour Office?—Yes. At about 7.30 p.m., I was in my flat when Mr. Low (another Boarding Officer) rang me up and said that the Tai Lee was overloaded.

**The Informant.**  
Where did Mr. Low get the information from?—Mr. Chan Yan-tong!

The loading of the ship was completed on the Saturday night?—Yes.

So that it had been overloaded for more than 24 hours without anybody doing anything about it?—Yes.

Do you know that there had been trouble between the former and present Directors of the Company?—Yes.

**Reader of the Newspapers.**  
And that certain receivers were appointed by the Supreme Court?—Only from the newspapers.

Do you know that Mr. Chan took as manager of the Company on the morning of February 26?

Replying to other questions, Mr. Cook said that he knew on the morning of March 1 that the Captain and Chinese Chief Officer of the Tai Lee were under notice to leave the service. The master of a ship was ordinarily responsible for its loading, unless he gave (Continued on Page 4.)

## COST OF BRITISH ARMY.

What Estimates For 1932 Reveal.

DIMINUTION IMPOSSIBLE.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Introducing the Army Estimates for the next financial year, which, at £39,930,000, show a reduction of £570,000, the War Minister, Mr. Tom Shaw, said that the closest attention had been paid to securing economy. He stated that there had been an increase



Mr. Tom Shaw.

in the number of recruits in the last few months and that the Departmental Committee was studying the question of filling the ranks of Officers.

He hoped that a method would be found for promotion from the ranks of trained soldiers with the scientific knowledge that modern conditions required. In regard to military training for boys, he proposed that the age of recognition should be raised from 13 to 15.

### FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, to-day, states:—  
The depression has deepened and moved into the Sea of Japan.  
There appears to be a feeble anti-cyclone over China.  
Forecast:—N. to N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

15. The numbers proposed in the estimates were unchanged. He did not wish to make comparisons between Nations, but asked those interested to examine the condition of affairs as revealed in the League of Nation Armaments Year Book.

**Enormous Reductions.**  
He thought there was no question that the enormous reductions made by Great Britain had not been reproduced in other countries. It was impossible for him to recommend any further unilateral disarmament. The figures were against it and experience was against it.

They would do everything they could as a Government in order to bring about a reduction of armaments by international agreement, which would enable all countries to remove from their shoulders the crushing burden they now bear, but it was impossible to propose at the present moment a diminution in the numbers of the British Army.—British Wireless Service.

### Lady in Minority.

London, Yesterday.  
The House of Commons adopted the Army Estimate vote for personnel after an amendment by Miss Jennie Lee, (Labour, Northern Lanark), on behalf of the Independent Labourites, had been defeated by 215 votes to 19. The amendment aimed at a substantial reduction in numbers.

The Secretary of State for War, Mr. Tom Shaw, in introducing the Estimates, said that the Government proposed to maintain the forces at the present level. He would not recommend to the Government any further unilateral disarmament. Instead, they would pursue the better way of attempting to arrive at an international agreement in the matter. Referring to the conduct he said that three-quarters of the drunkenness had gone. Courts-Martial were decreasing annually; and the habits, characters, and education of the men had markedly improved.—Ruter.

## MORTGAGE PROVISO IN DISPUTE.

Alleged Wrongful Sale.

WIDOW SUES LOCAL BANK.

What constitutes "written consent" by a mortgagor in respect of the actions of a third party, under the specific terms of a mortgage deed, occupied the attention of the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) in the Supreme Court this morning.

The case was one in which plaintiff, Mrs. Chu Shuk, a widow, of 121, Caine Road, brought action against the Banque Franco-Chinoise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie for damage under an indenture of mortgage dated December 5, 1923, made between herself as to the first part, W. M. Pittendrigh as to second part, and defendants as to third part.

Plaintiff, under this deed, mortgaged certain property to secure certain banking facilities, as set out in the deed, for W. M. Pittendrigh. She now alleged wrongful sale of the property by defendants on or about February 13, 1930, and breach of covenant on the part of the mortgagees. She also asked for an accounting from them of all dealings in the property, and such further and other relief as the Court might deem fit.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton and Co., appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Deacons, was for defendants.

### Three Issues to Consider.

Mr. Potter, opening the case for plaintiff, said that on December 5, 1923, plaintiff mortgaged certain properties for the purpose of getting certain banking facilities for Mr. Pittendrigh. Out of this mortgage three issues now arose. First, the deed provided that no liability should attach either to the mortgagor or to the mortgage property unless in each and every case where the specific banking facilities were granted a written authority from the mortgagor should have obtained. An agent was appointed to grant such written authority, in the person of Dr. Tan, son-in-law of the plaintiff.

The first issue therefore would be, said counsel, whether any liability attached to the property at all. Plaintiff's statement of claim averred that in fact no written authority was ever given. To this defendant's replied that the necessary consents and/or authorities were in fact given by the consenting agent (Dr. Tan) by his counter-signing of cheques drawn on the account of Mr. Pittendrigh.

### No Demand for Repayment.

Counsel further claimed that no demand for repayment of principal was ever made by defendants. In the alternative, he would plead that if there were any liability attached to the mortgaged property at any time, which plaintiff denied, there had been a wrongful exercise of power of sale for two reasons, the first being that no notice was given as provided by the deed, that is, a written notice to the mortgagor herself, and subsequent default of one month; secondly, that no reasonable notice was given.

A third issue, which would arise later, was that the property was sold under value.

### "Never Received Notice."

As regards the facts, Mr. Potter said that no communication passed between the defendant bank and the plaintiff from the time of the deed, going into operation until February 13, 1930. On that date she received a letter from the bank's lawyers stating that their clients demanded payment of \$401.45, being the interest on the overdraft on Mr. Pittendrigh's account. Unless the amount were paid forthwith, the bank would exercise its power of sale under the mortgage. "That was the only notice we received," said counsel. "We have never received one as regards the

## HIGH DUES CHARGED BY SUEZ CANAL CO.

Disadvantage to British Shipping.

MERCHANTS' RESOLUTION.

London, Yesterday.  
The Shipping Merchants' Committee of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution expressing the opinion that the high dues charged by the Suez Canal Company are proving a serious disadvantage to British trade and an advantage to inter-Asian and other competitive trades which are free from the heavy burden of dues.

The Committee urges that His Majesty's Government, as the largest individual shareholder in the Canal Company, should use its influence to secure a reduction to five gold francs per ton in respect of loaded ships, and two and a half in respect of ships in ballast, in accordance with the arrangement made in 1833 between British shipowners and the Canal Company.—Ruter.

The collector of customs reports that revenue at the Port of Halifax for the year 1930 amounted to \$3,496,666 as compared with \$3,026,603 in 1929, or an increase of \$470,000 over 1929. Under the heading of "sundry collections" there is an increase from \$7,895 in 1929 to \$125,909 in 1930.

principal. This one only concerns interest."

Plaintiff's solicitors at once replied that their client would pay off the overdraft forthwith. They asked for a statement of account, together with the title deeds, in order to prepare an assignment.

To this the bank replied by letter through their solicitors that the mortgagees had already exercised their powers, and sold the property for \$24,000. Repeated demands had been made upon Mr. Pittendrigh, and the mortgagees were perfectly entitled to exercise their powers. The mortgage had in fact been negotiated on February 13, and was executed on February 18.

### Only a Farce.

"We claim that the property had already been sold when the demand for interest was made," said counsel. "It was nothing more than a farce to send notice of exercising power of sale when it had already been exercised five days before."

Counsel then proceeded to go through the provisions of the deed. "There was nothing to make the plaintiff reply except her having given a written authority as to the banking facilities there specified," he said. "It was laid down there that the authority should be given in each and every case where such facilities were granted."

Continuing, counsel said that the special facilities could be defined as (a) A total liability on the part of the mortgagor and Mr. Pittendrigh of \$25,000, and facilities as regards bills of exchange; (b) facilities for establishing commercial credits; (c) facilities as regards bills of lading.

### Plaintiff's Liability.

"These are the specified terms of the mortgage," he said. "It is a mortgage for the express purpose of securing the Bank in respect of certain well-defined banking facilities. There is nothing else for which we have to reply under the mortgage deed."

Later, dealing with the defendants' claim that the necessary consents were given in cheques signed by the consenting agent, Mr. Potter suggested that cheques, in themselves, did not show what the money was for. There might be, and probably were, payments quite outside the special facilities. A cheque could not be accepted as evidence as written.

### Not a General Security.

"What the defendants have really done," he added, "is to treat this mortgage as a general security for Mr. Pittendrigh's account at the Bank. But can it be that the signing of a cheque by Dr. Tan in the ordinary course of business is a consent? This is an impossible argument put forward in despair by defendants as an alternative to surrendering the case entirely. The case is proceeding.







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## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of March, to THURSDAY, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

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COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931 to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ALLAN KEITH,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. D. THOMSON,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELL,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG FIRE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers.  
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

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SCHOOL.

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will welcome scholarly interpretation and will never fail to evince respect for earnest conviction founded on knowledge. They will desire acquaintance with their own language which is the key to the storehouse of the world's literary treasures. Upon this foundation of their own language must be built, if they are to build successfully and enduringly, all their immediate and future intellectual progress, all their developing emotional powers, all their social and industrial existence. By having a command of language they will learn almost everything, without it they will learn almost nothing.

## Duty of Teachers.

It is our duty, as teachers, to lay that foundation of language and to leave the nature of the building to be determined by later years.

In conclusion I thank all the donors of prizes, the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church who so kindly gave us permission to use the Church Hall on this occasion, and the staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support throughout the year. I wish, Lady Peel, on behalf of Central British School, to thank you for honouring us with your presence here this evening and for so graciously consenting to distribute the prizes.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University of Hong Kong Matriculation Examination:—B. Budden (Honours). Dist. in English, Y. Langley (Dist. in English). Ho Tung Scholarship, Hong Kong University.

University of Hong Kong Senior Local Examination:—M. S. Bander, V. Levkovich, A. Miller, I. Woolley, H. W. Wylie.

University of Hong Kong Junior Local Examination:—A. Chester, A. Dobry, J. Gardiner, R. F. Ingram, G. A. McNeillie, K. Sayer, J. R. Suiter.

Montargis French Prize:—B. Budden (Senior).

Government Scholarship:—A. Dobry (Form V.), P. Gardner (Form IV.), B. Hynes (Form 3A), J. Bryson (Form 3B), J. Booker (Form 2A), A. Holland (Form 2B), A. Mitchell (Form 1A), M. Hensley (Form 1B), E. Richards (Form 1R).

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Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co.'s Scholarship:—M. Adam, S. M. Brown.

J. R. M. Smith's Scholarship:—H. W. Wylie, G. A. McNeillie.  
Head Master's Prize:—B. Budden.  
Scripture Prize (presented by the Rev. J. H. Johnston):—V. Levkovich.  
Wyllie Composition Prize:—A. H. S. Sklar.  
Extra Abraham Scholarship:—B. Budden.  
War Memorial Prize:—B. Budden.  
History Prize (presented by Mr. H. B. L. Dowling):—V. Levkovich.  
Prize for Mathematics (presented by Mr. G. G. Wood):—(1) V. Grunberg, (2) J. Jordan.  
French Prize (presented by Mr. M. J. B. Montargis):—K. Clarke.  
Elementary Science Prize (presented by Mr. T. R. Rowell):—M. A. Taylor.

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In a brief speech Mr. G. P. de Martin thanked the donors of prizes and also those who had kindly accepted invitations to attend the prize-giving.

## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.R.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
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8.20-9 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital from the Studio by Mr. Harry Ore.

1. Sonata Appassionata, 1st Movement (Beethoven).

2. Seventh Nocturne (Chopin).

3. L'Isle Joyeuse (Debussy).

4. The Cuckoo (Arensky).

5. Eighth Hungarian Rhapsody (Liszt).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9.05-9.39 p.m.—Two Orchestral Suites.

Ballet Egyptian (Luigini), Orchestre Symphonique De Paris (9566-7).

Scenes Pittoresques (Massenet), Orchestre Symphonique De Paris (9491-2).

9.39-10.07 p.m.—Instrumental.

Octet—Memories of Tchaikowsky (arr. Scarf).

The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9198).

Flute Solo—Andante for Flute & Orchestra (Mozart).

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Octet—Scenes That are Brightest from Maritana (Wallace arr. Scarf).

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### OVERLOADING OF A STEAMER.

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orders to someone else to take charge. He did not know that the Captain and Chief Officer of the Tai Lee had actually refused to sail the ship, and he also did not know that application had been made to the Harbour Office for permission to transfer an officer from the On Lee to the Tai Lee.

The next witness was Boarding Officer T. B. Low. He said that at about 5.30 p.m., on March 1 he received a visit from the manager of the Sze Yap S.S. Co. (Mr. Chan) who requested permission for the Chief Officer of the On Lee to be transferred to the Tai Lee as the Chief Officer of the Tai Lee had refused to sail. He gave permission.

Further Information.  
At about 7.30 p.m. the same day witness received a second visit from Mr. Chan, who informed him that the master of the Tai Lee had refused to take his vessel away because it was overloaded. He (Mr. Chan) wished to know what procedure to follow, and witness gave him a Sunday working permit to enable the excess cargo to be discharged, and he informed Boarding Officer Cook of the reported condition of the Tai Lee.

Witness said that at about 8 p.m. he went himself to examine the load-line of the Tai Lee, and he gave figures corroborating those quoted by Mr. Cook.

By Mr. Brooks: Mr. Chan, when he said that the master refused to sail, did not give the name of the master.

Mr. Brooks: So that you did not know whether it was the former or the present master?—As far as I knew there is only one master.

**Captain's Version.**  
Captain R. Elvidge then went into the witness box. He said that he was at present unemployed, but on March 1 he was master of the Tai Lee. He arrived on board the Tai Lee at about 6 p.m., on March 1 and found the ship to be about six inches overloaded. He sent for the compradore of the ship but he was not on board.

The compradore arrived later and when witness told him that the ship was overloaded he said that he knew nothing about it as there was a new staff of compradores looking after the ship.

The Magistrate: What is this compradore's name?—Tam Wai-sang.

Continuing, witness said that he told Mr. Tam that before the ship could sail they would have to get a permit from the Harbour Master to discharge the excess cargo into the On Lee. This was later done.

Then a person whom he thought was one of the Directors (he had seen him before but did not know his name) came on board and asked him to take the ship away. This he refused to do until he had

received a permit from the Harbour Master to leave. Afterward he received a permit to discharge the excess cargo and this work was completed at about 10 p.m. The ship was then examined by a Boarding Officer who gave him a permit to proceed to sea.

By Mr. Brooks: He was on board the Tai Lee on the Saturday morning. Loading of the ship had not been completed by then.

Br. Brooks: You did, in fact, know that the loading of the ship was completed on Saturday night?—No. I left the ship on Saturday at noon.

Notice to Leave.  
On Saturday morning you and the Chief Officer had been given notice to leave the service of the Company?—Yes.

That was at about 11 o'clock?—No, about 12.50.

You refused to accept the notice because the following day was a Sunday?—No. I said I would go on Tuesday.

Magistrate: Thereby refusing to take notice on that day?—Yes.

Mr. Brooks: You as Captain are responsible for the loading?—No.

Magistrate: Normally?—Yes.

Mr. Brooks: Who was actually responsible?—The ship's compradore and staff.

At about 6 p.m. on the Sunday you informed the Compradore and not the Company about the overloading?—It is the compradore's business to inform the management. I did not know who the management were!

Why did you not send a written report to the Company?—Because the ship could not have got away that night.

Did you know that the compradore was also under notice?—I understood that everybody on board was under notice.

**Informed Harbour Office First.**  
Was it not important that the overloading should have been brought to the notice of the Company?—I thought it was more important to bring it to the notice of the Harbour authorities!

Did you inform the Harbour Office?—I sent the compradore to the Harbour Office.

You deliberately told the Harbour Office first?—With the view to getting the ship away as soon as possible.

### DARING RAID ON SHIP.

#### Ganja Smugglers Chased in Darkness.

A daring attempt by three smugglers to get away with eighteen lbs. of ganja from the B.I. steamer Bamora in Colombo Harbour early this morning was rendered fruitless only by the vigilance of Customs' watchers, says The Times of Ceylon of February 12.

When they were discovered two of the smugglers jumped into the water taking the contraband goods with them.

Then an exciting chase commenced in the darkness, and the quiet of the harbour was shattered with shouts and launch sirens. The Customs boat and a police launch searched the surface, ultimately recovering the ganja—valued at some Rs. 1,800—while two men also fell into the hands of the authorities. A third made good his escape after swimming ashore.

It was in the stillness of about three o'clock in the morning that a Customs officer, who was on duty on the Bamora, saw a boat approaching on the port side of the steamer.

When the boat had drawn alongside, the officer saw a man reach up and tap on a port hole. Silently this was opened to him, and the officer saw a long dark bag lowered to the shadowy figures in the small boat.

Mr. van Buren, the Customs officer, and his watcher immediately set out for the row boat in their launch.

As the launch approached the boat two of the men jumped into the sea, while the bag was thrown overboard.

While the Customs men proceeded to arrest the remaining occupant of the boat Mr. van Buren blew his whistle and a police patrol boat dashed up.

A hurried explanation, and it made off again after the swimming smugglers. One obviously has escaped, but the other subsequently recognised as a harbour coolie named Simon, who has already lost one arm in his adventurous career, was arrested.

Further investigations are being made, and the men in custody will appear in the Police Court. There is, however, no trace of the third man and the men in custody refuse to make any statements throwing light on the identity of their comrade who made good his daring swim to the shore and so escaped.

Ganja is valued by the Customs at Rs. 100 per lb., but to smugglers it is worth much more, for those addicted to the drug, especially those buying it in small quantities, buy at prices which bring up to Rs. 2,500 a lb.

### SWEDISH CONFERENCE.

#### Views On Ice-Strengthened Ships.

The members of the Swedish committee of Lloyd's Register met in Gothenburg recently when the desirability was expressed of the establishment in some form of co-operation with the recently formed Danish committee of Lloyd's Register for Denmark.

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*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marselles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	10,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marselles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marselles & London.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marselles & London.
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TALMA	10,000	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	—	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	24th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	10,568	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAKADA	6,940	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	7,745	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	6th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,950	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	10,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAWALPINDI	10,610	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	10,568	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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## BATTLE CRUISER HOOD.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The battle cruiser Hood, the world's largest warship, was commissioned at Portsmouth to-day after reconstruction in the Dockyard at a cost of £387,000. She now carries a catapult for launching air craft. Following her trials she becomes on May 12 the flagship of the Battle Cruiser Squadron.—British Wireless Service.

[A Home paper of February 14 stated:—The battle-cruiser Hood, the largest of the world's warships, is to be commissioned for trials on March 10, after nearly two years in dockyard hands at Portsmouth. The ship has been completely modernised, but the work has involved no large structural alterations as in some earlier capital ships. She should be ready by the end of May to resume as flagship of the Battle Cruiser Squadron. No Captain or Commander has yet been appointed to her, but among those already selected for the new commission are Lieutenant-Commander Harry Pursey, late of the Eagle and formerly of the battleship Benbow, and Lieutenant-Commander D. A. Parker, late of the battle-cruiser Repulse and formerly of the cruiser Durban.]

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, March 9.

City of Khios, British str., 3,551 tons, Captain W. Jones, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

Gustav Diederichsen, Danish str., 1,352 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Hothow, buoy No. B19.—Jensen & Co.

Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from Fort Bayard, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Vo Hop & Co.

Tai Yuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Ying Chow, British str., 1,216 tons, Captain W. G. McKenzie, from Saigon, Stonecutters'.—B. & S.

Tuesday, March 10.  
Bremerhaven, German str., 917 tons, Captain Engels, from Madang, buoy No. C3.—Melchers & Co.

Ekviken, Norwegian str., 3,292 tons, Capt. R. Jensen, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Siemssen & Co.

Haukefjell, Norwegian str., 1,426 tons, Capt. S. Anderson, from Chingwangtao, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.

Helikon, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. A17.—Wo Fat Sing.

Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. F. Gibbs, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.

New York, American str., 3,468 tons, Capt. E. P. Wendt, from Portland via Shanghai, buoy No. A12.—States S.S. Co.

King Yuan, British str., 1,545 tons, Captain J. D. Whyte, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Ryuh Maru, Japanese str., 3,369 tons, Capt. Itoh, from Fremantle, buoy No. A7.—Y.K.K.

Taming, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. Hodgkiss, from Canton, buoy No. A9.—B. & S.

Unkai Maru No. 3, Japanese str., 1,853 tons, Captain J. Tasaka, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—Y. Sato.

## STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia arrived at Yokohama on March 10 (Tues.) at 8 a.m., leaves Yokohama on March 13 (Fri.) at 8 p.m., and is due at Honolulu on March 21 (Sat.) at 4 p.m. She leaves Honolulu on March 23 (Mon.) at 5 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf on March 16 (Monday) at 9 a.m., and will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on March 18 (Wednesday). She, connecting with the Duchess of Bedford, is due at Liverpool on April 17.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Kobe on March 10 (Tues.) at 8.30 a.m., left Kobe on March 10 (Tues.) at 4 p.m., and was due at Yokohama on March 11 (Wed.) at noon. She leaves Yokohama on March 12 (Thurs.) at 3 p.m.

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T'iau via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 25th Mar. at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	SUISANG	Fri., 13th Mar. at 4 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Mon., 23rd Mar. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Tues., 7th Apr. at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe	KUTSANG	Tues., 17th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe	YUENSANG	Tues., 31st Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Fri., 17th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed., 11th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 18th Mar. at 3 p.m.
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Bruce—No. 8 buoy.

Cumberland—West wall.

Clela—South wall.

Herald—East wall.

Hermes—No. 1 buoy.

Iroquois—South wall.

Marazion—No. 7 buoy.

Medway—No. 2 buoy.

Osiris—In dock.

Oswald—In dock.

Petersfield—North wall.

Sandwich—No. 13 buoy.

Sepoy—East wall.

Serapis—No. 11 buoy.

Sirdar—No. 10 buoy.

Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.

Swift—North arm.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Altah—French gunboat.

Helena—American gunboat.

Waldeck Rousseau—French cruiser.

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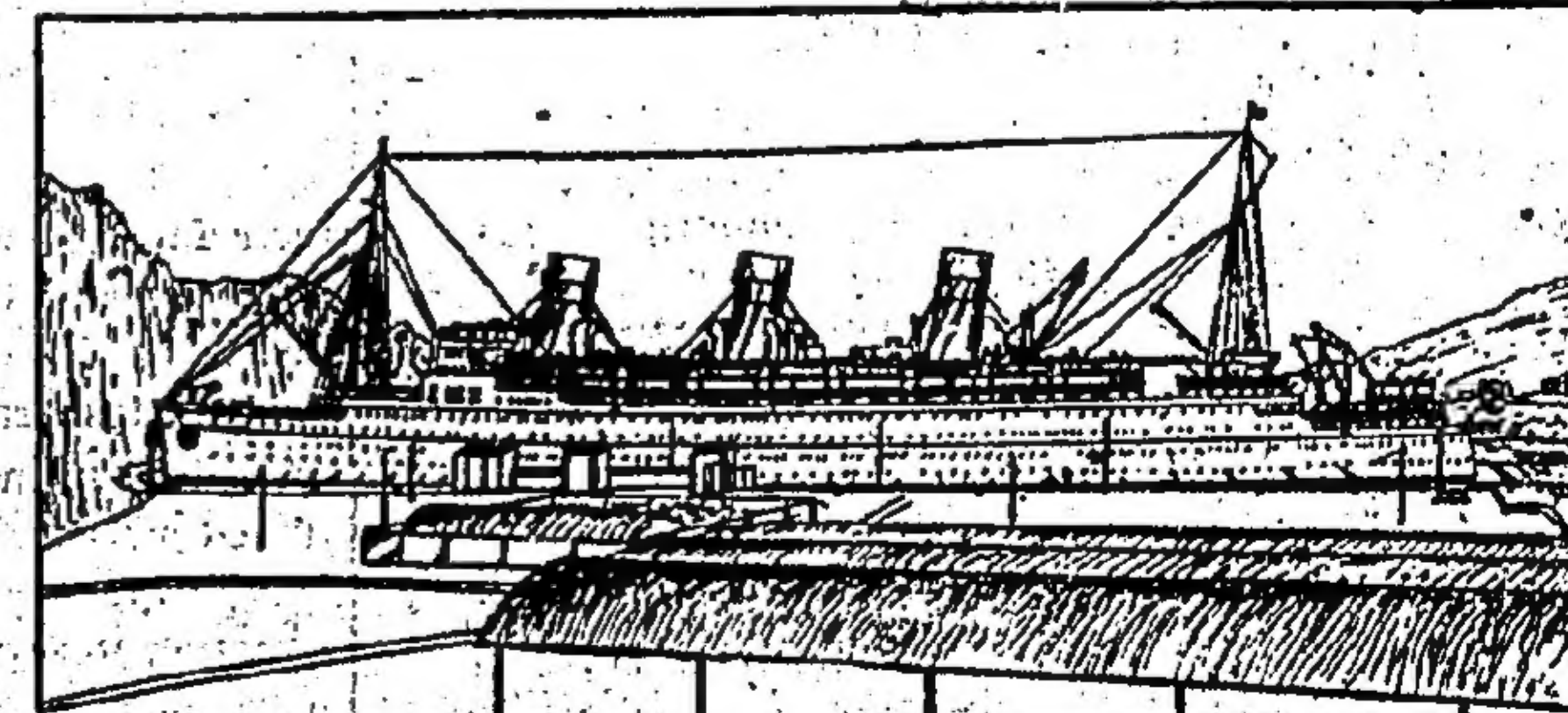
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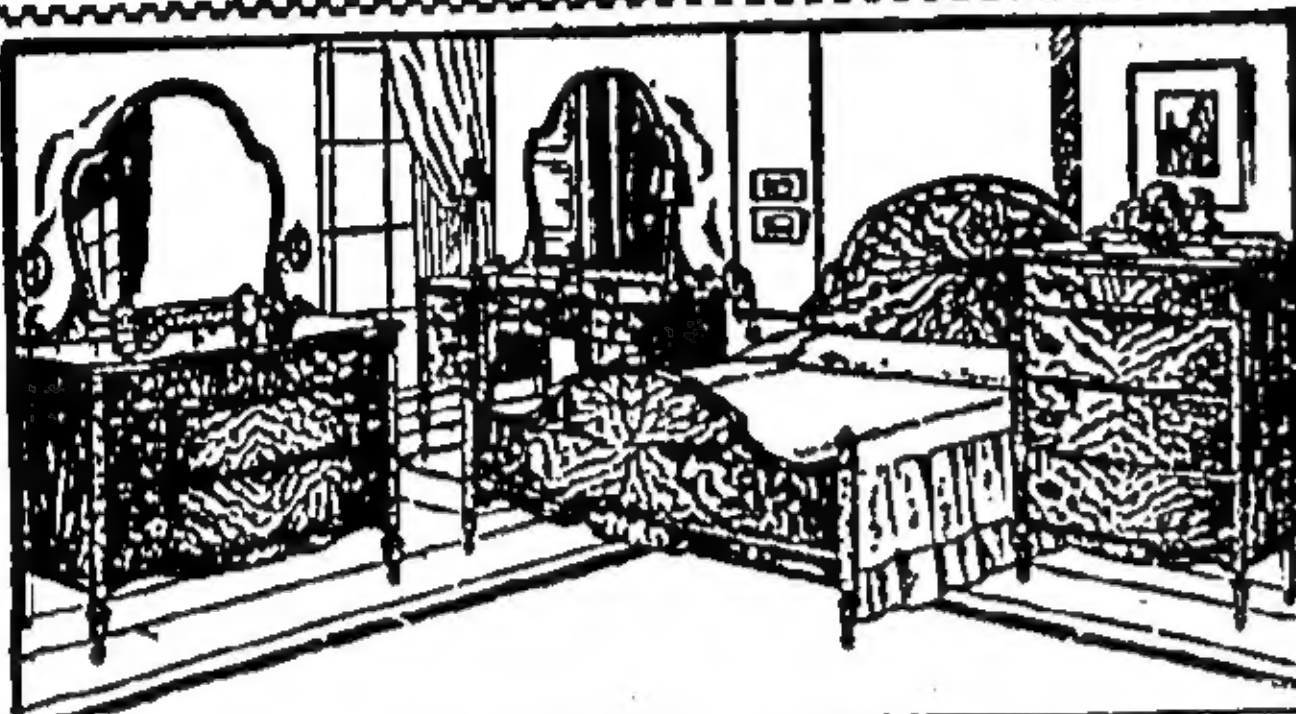


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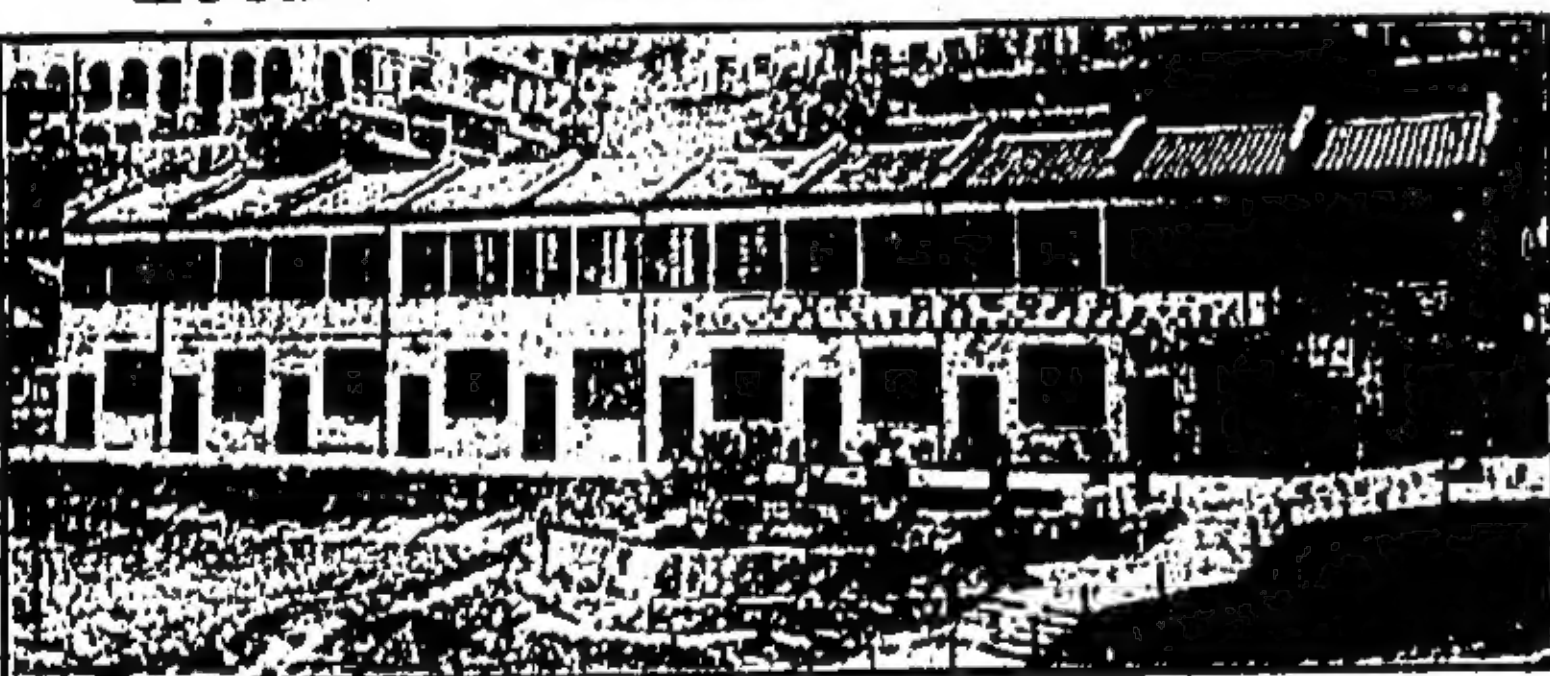
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## DEATH.

**ANDERSON.**—At Claremont Hotel  
on March 11, 1931, Agnes,  
dearly beloved wife of John  
Edgar Anderson, of the An-  
derson Music Co., Ltd.—  
Funeral will pass the Monu-  
ment this afternoon at 5.30  
o'clock.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 11, 1931.

## REDS' VICTIMS.

There is not the slightest neces-  
sity for any section of the Press  
or the public to make of the fatal  
shooting of a detective matter for  
either exaggeration or sensation-  
alism. Hard facts have got to  
be faced calmly, collectively,  
and coolly.

For the second time within a  
very short period the Communists  
in our midst have marked down  
a detective engaged in the cam-  
paign against their machinations  
and sent him to his death—two  
more martyrs who laid down their  
lives at the post of stern duty  
which they unflinchingly under-  
took, knowing full well what  
their fate would be if their guise  
were unmasked by the diabolical  
Reds.

This latest tragedy brings home  
to all of us not only the con-  
tinued presence of Communists in  
our midst, but their grim deter-  
mination to remove from their  
path all who would seek to ob-  
struct their progress. Further-  
more, it discloses that the Police  
authorities, both in Hong Kong  
and Canton, are fully alert to  
the activities of the Communists  
and are leaving no stone unturned  
to run them to earth and impress  
upon them that their room is pre-  
ferred to their company here.  
This is a part of the work of the  
Police that must of necessity be

carried out entirely unobtrusively.  
That is so obvious that it at  
once stultifies any amateur  
efforts to "reconstruct" (!) the  
crime this week in Jubilee Street,  
efforts that are simply made to  
look ridiculous, and possibly  
charged with more harm than  
good to the objectives of the  
Police authorities. It ought to  
be sufficient for any one of ordi-  
nary intelligence to repose the  
fullest trust in the Police, and to  
refrain from probing beneath the  
surface.

Incidentally, however, there  
can be no harm in expressing the  
view that the activities of the  
Communists in this Colony are  
more mischievous and wide-  
spread than are generally known.  
It is asserted that the colleges  
and schools are regarded as like-  
ly "cells" for the intensive and in-  
timidatory spread of Communist  
doctrines. This is a situation  
that requires careful handling  
and equally careful watching not  
alone on the part of the Police  
authorities but on the part of the  
educational authorities.

During the troubles of 1925-27  
it was undisputed that many  
students were affected—many  
even proselytised—by Commu-  
nists, whose policy of threats is  
often sufficient to strike terror  
into the hearts of impressionable  
young men and youths. To what  
degree this citadel is being assailed  
by the Communists to-day we  
are not in a position to say, and  
even if we were we naturally  
would not divulge it to any but  
those most entitled to know the  
facts.

It may be suggested in all seri-  
ousness, however, that, as pro-  
paganda is best met by counter-  
propaganda, the educational  
authorities might consider devot-  
ing an hour or so each week to  
chats and lectures exposing the  
real policies of the Communists  
and outlining to the students the  
very grave menace to the peace  
of the Colony—to go no further  
afield—by their underground  
mesh of threat and intimidation.  
We may drop the subject at that,  
leaving it to the good sense of  
head masters and their staffs to  
do the rest.

## News in Brief.

To-day is the second anniversary  
of the King Edward Hotel fire.

Mrs. Harry A. Wood left by the  
s.s. President Cleveland yesterday.

Mr. J. P. Hunt left the Colony  
yesterday for Shanghai by the s.s.  
President Cleveland.

Messrs. Ellis and Edgar's Figures  
and Quotations of Local and Other  
Stocks for January are now ready,  
price one dollar.

The lowest open air temperature  
yesterday was 60 degrees. The  
humidity at 10 a.m. was 94 and at  
4 p.m. 95.

Mr. J. F. Macgregor, one of  
the Governing Directors of Cald-  
beck, Macgregor & Co., Limited,  
left for Shanghai yesterday by the  
s.s. President Cleveland.

The A.S.P., Kowloon, Mr. W. La  
Bart Sparrow, left for Wei-hai-wei  
this morning on the s.s. Kulchow.  
It is understood that his journey is  
connected with Police duties.

A 12-years old Chinese boy was  
ordered in the Kowloon Court to  
receive seven strokes of the cane  
for stealing a spanner, (the prop-  
erty of Pang Yuk-tak) from a  
motor lorry in Pakhoi Street.

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced Mr. Liang Sai-wa, of the  
Education Department, 1, Lung  
Chin Terrace, Happy Valley, to  
Yuen Wo Mary Ho, daughter of  
Mr. Ho Kwong, 7 Macdonnell Road.

Suburban malaria is believed to  
have been the cause of the death of  
Mohammed Hussain, aged ten  
years, son of Lance-Sergeant  
Nathan Khan, which occurred in  
the Au Tau Police Station on  
Monday.

The new arrangements for traffic  
control at the Kowloon "circus"  
came into operation last night when  
Traffic Sub-Inspector Mason and  
Traffic-Sergeant Clark arranged  
matters as planned. The various  
route number posts were removed  
to new positions and there was no  
dislocation of traffic.

The last concert of the season  
will be given in the Helena May In-  
stitute on Thursday, March 19, at  
5.30 p.m. "The Collegians" Glee  
Singers and a number of variety  
items will constitute the pro-  
gramme.—Will members please  
book teas if these are wanted.  
Matron 22160.—Adv.

Pleading "not guilty" at the Kow-  
loon Magistracy this morning to  
being in unlawful possession of two  
pairs of shorts and a jacket in  
Laichikok Road, a Chinese, Wong  
Tim, explained that the usual  
"friend" had given them to him to  
pawn. Mr. Hamilton, however,  
refused to believe this and sent  
him to jail for 14 days.

A European youth, Paul Kelly,  
age 11, had a fortunate escape yester-  
day, when he ran into a taxi  
near the Observatory, in Kowloon  
and was thrown from his cycle.  
When crossing Austin Road he  
collided with the bumper-bar of a  
taxi which was proceeding toward  
Nathan Road. He suffered abrasions  
only and was not sent to the Hos-  
pital.

## BAN ON SOVIET.

RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENT  
NOT CONTEMPLATED.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

Washington, Yesterday.  
In connection with the formula-  
tion of the Government's Russian  
policy, it is understood that re-  
cognition of the Soviet Govern-  
ment is not contemplated.—  
Reuter.

Hoover's Decision.

Washington, Yesterday.  
It is stated at White House that  
President Hoover does not con-  
template any change in Soviet-  
American relations.—Reuter's  
American Service.

[An earlier message stated:  
Mr. Stimson is giving his personal  
attention to recent demands for a  
modification of the United States'  
Russian policy, and announces  
that a definite policy will be for-  
mulated after close study of the  
situation.]

## YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

The local branch of the Yoko-  
hama Specie Bank are in receipt  
of a cablegram from their Head  
Office to the effect that, at the  
102nd half-yearly ordinary general  
meeting of the shareholders held  
in the Head Office of this Bank in  
Yokohama yesterday shows a net  
profit of Yen 12,935,138.84 includ-  
ing Yen 6,363,666.83 carried over  
from last account. It was resolv-  
ed to make the following alloca-  
tions:—

To Reserve Fund	Y. 1,500,000.00
Dividend of 10 per cent.	
p.a. (for the half- year ended December 31, 1930)	5,000,000.00
To be carried forward to next account	6,436,138.84
<b>Y. 12,935,138.84</b>	

The election of Mr. T. T. Tsouyann  
(manager of the Tokyo Office) to  
the Board of Directors, and Mr.  
N. Otsuka (former manager of the  
Yokohama Office), as one of the  
auditors, were confirmed at this  
meeting.

## LINKING HONG KONG WITH BRITAIN

(Continued from Page 1.)

am confident, must strongly com-  
mend itself to all shareholders.  
As shown on the assets side of the  
balance sheet, the investments  
under this heading have also ap-  
preciated in value, notwithstand-  
ing the fact that this particular  
Reserve Fund was only inaugu-  
rated during the year under review.

Automatic Phones.  
The cost of the new automatic  
installation is included in the item  
"General Plant," and consequently  
the former item "Auto. Plant Pre-  
liminary Expenses" has disappear-  
ed from the balance sheet. As you  
are no doubt aware, the new equip-  
ment was successfully brought  
into operation on May 3, 1930, and  
I am pleased to be able to  
state, giving complete satisfaction  
in operation.

As you are also aware, in em-  
barking upon the installation of  
an automatic equipment your  
Board was prompted by a desire  
to offer to subscribers the best pos-  
sible telephone service that modern  
methods and a high grade appar-  
atus could supply, and the success  
achieved in this respect since the  
inauguration of "Automatic Work-  
ing" is a source of considerable  
gratification to your Company, as  
I am sure it must also be to share-  
holders and to the telephone public.  
The standard of service now being  
rendered compares, I am given  
to understand, most favourably  
with the standards which are work-  
ed to by telephone.

High Grade Service.

Administrations both in Britain  
and America, and notwithstanding  
the fact that a very high grade  
service is being rendered to sub-  
scribers, your Company has not  
made application for increased  
subscription rates, and every en-  
deavour is being made to keep the  
rates at the present low level. In  
this regard, however, your Directors  
recognise that increased rates must  
inevitably be brought into opera-  
tion unless a material recovery in  
exchange takes place in the near  
future, though, at the same time,  
they feel that every effort should  
be made to avoid raising the rates,  
having regard to the fact that such  
action would tend to limit expan-  
sion—the axiom being the lower  
the rate, the greater the number of  
subscribers.

With the installation of the new  
automatic system and the laying  
down of further main underground  
cables, your Company is in a po-  
sition to instal telephone service on  
demand—the advantage of which  
from a revenue earning point of  
view hardly requires emphasis.

Underground Cables.

The laying of underground  
cables and covered distribution is,  
where practicable, being extended  
beyond the City limits both in  
Hong Kong and Kowloon, and the  
total additional cable thus laid  
during the period under review  
amounts to 5,761,163 circuit miles.

The number of additional Ex-  
change lines installed during the  
year amounted to 628 compared  
with 464 for the preceding period,  
and represents a highly satisfac-  
tory expansion of your Company's  
business.

Canton Trunk Line.

You will doubtless have observ-  
ed that a new heading, viz., "Canton  
Trunk Line," appears in the  
balance sheet. The amount shown  
thereunder represents initial ex-  
penditure incurred in connection  
with the laying of the new trunk  
cable between Hong Kong and  
Canton for the purpose of bringing  
these cities into direct telephonic  
communication. You will be in-  
terested to learn that 50 miles of  
the trunk cable have already been  
laid from the Canton terminal, and  
the work of laying the balance of  
70 miles is being rapidly pushed  
forward. On January 30, 1931, the  
submarine section of this cable  
was successfully laid across the  
harbour from Hong Kong to Kow-  
loon by your Company's staff.

It is anticipated that the neces-  
sary engineering work in connec-  
tion with the trunk line in ques-  
tion will be completed by about  
August, 1931, when facilities for  
making 30 simultaneous calls will  
be available. The service has  
been designed on the most up-to-  
date lines for both transmission  
efficiency and speed of operation  
and—having regard to the large  
community of interest existing be-  
tween Hong Kong and Canton—it  
should be safe to assume that the  
traffic handled over this trunk line  
will exceed the most sanguine ex-  
pectations.

Network of Communications.

The laying of this trunk cable is,  
so far as I am aware, the first pro-  
ject of this nature to be undertaken  
in China and will, I venture to  
predict, prove to be the forerunner  
of a network of communications  
which will eventually link up all  
the important cities in that vast  
country. In the circumstances, it  
will be readily realised that with  
the opening up of telephonic com-  
munication with Canton, this  
Colony will be entering upon an  
era, in the matter of service to

subscribers, of untold possibilities,  
and the facilities which will be  
available, both commercially and  
otherwise, when that era arrives  
will confer a very great boon upon  
the local community. Whilst on  
this subject, I would like, on be-  
half of the Board of Directors of  
this Company, to avail myself of  
the opportunity of placing on re-  
cord their great appreciation of  
the good offices and kindly co-  
operative efforts of the municipal  
authorities in Canton (including  
particularly the Mayor, Mr. Lum  
Wan Koi, and the Chief Engineer,  
Mr. T. Y. Deane) without which it  
would have proved extremely diffi-  
cult to bring this important project  
into the realm of practicability.

When designing the trunk cable  
for the Canton service, your Com-  
pany kept in view the possibility of  
the extension of the telephone ser-  
vice to the New Territories of  
Kowloon, and it is anticipated that  
at least two small Automatic Ex-  
changes will be opened there by  
the end of 1931. You will, of  
course, appreciate that the estab-  
lishment of a high grade telephone  
service in rural areas situated a  
long distance from the main auto-  
matic system will involve very con-  
siderable capital expenditure, in  
respect of which a due return on  
the investment thus made can  
hardly be looked for until such  
time as the manifold advantages of  
a telephone service have become so  
sufficiently apparent to the in-  
habitants of the districts concern-  
ed as to lead to a material increase  
in the number of subscribers.

Radio Telephony.

Consideration has also been  
given by your Company to the field  
of long distance Radio Telephony,  
and, subject to the eventualities in-  
volved in certain negotiations  
which are at present being con-  
ducted, it may reasonably be ex-  
pected that, in about two years'  
time, a subscriber in Hong Kong  
will be able to put a call through  
to another subscriber in Britain,  
with subsequent extension to em-  
brace all important cities in the  
world.

There being no further matters  
calling for comment, I now beg  
formally to propose that the report  
of the Directors and the accounts  
for the financial year ended De-  
cember 31, 1930, as presented, be  
adopted, and that the appropria-  
tions, recommended by your Direc-  
tors, as incorporated in the  
Balance Sheet, be carried into  
effect.

Mr. Moxon seconded the motion,  
which was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. R.  
G. Shewan retiring Directors, were  
unanimously re-elected on the  
proposition of Mr. C. M. Raymond,  
seconded by Mr. Felix Ellis.

It was proposed by Mr. Alves  
and seconded by Mr. Gould that  
Messrs. Lowe, Bingham &  
Matthews be re-elected Auditors to  
the Company for the ensuing year  
at a fee of \$3,400 per annum, such  
fee to cover a cumulative monthly  
audit and an audit of the share  
transfers and registers of the Com-  
pany.

## SAILORS ALWAYS PAY.

There are few income-tax dodgers  
now in the Mercantile Service, how-  
ever had a reputation it may have  
had in the past. The profession,  
in fact, has established its claim  
to figure as a reasonable tax-paying  
body.

In the old days, according to in-  
come-tax officials, the sailor would  
return to port one year to collect his  
writ and spin out the following ten  
years in evading arrest.

"Merchant seamen," an inspector  
said, "are not nearly so trying as  
they used to be. In the days when  
nomad tramp-steamers were com-  
moner we found it hard to collect  
a penny. Now-a-days the sailor is  
only too ready to pay up."

## Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of  
March 11, 1931.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/2½.

At the meeting of the Hong Kong  
Rifle League held last night it was  
agreed that when ten or more  
teams enter for the League  
Championship, badges half the size  
of the winners' badges be presented  
to members of the second team, con-  
sisting of, as in the case of winners,  
ten men, being eight men for the  
team and two reserves.

As both the Hon. Secretary, Mr.  
Northcote, and the Assistant Hon.  
Secretary, Mr. J. A. Lyon, are go-  
ing home shortly on leave, Mr.  
F. A. Wells kindly consented to  
carry out the duties of Hon. Sec-  
retary until Mr. Northcote's return,  
when the question of colour of  
targets, dates, ranges, etc., will be  
arranged.



## WATER SUPPLIES OF HONG KONG

Main Difficulty That of Storage.

"ONLY A GRANITE CONE."

The Purification System Explained.

In the course of an instructive address on "Water Supplies of Hong Kong," given before the Rotary Club at the weekly tiffin yesterday, Dr. E. P. Minett, the Government Bacteriologist, gave interesting details of the method of treatment of the raw water, by filtration and chlorination, before it reached the household.

Dr. Minett emphasised the fact that Hong Kong was nothing more than a granite cone. This made the matter of storage a difficult one, as there were no natural reservoirs, such as lakes or rivers. For this reason he was of opinion (in answering a later question), that the question of consumption would veto any proposed water-borne sewage system.

## CHLORINE NOT HARMFUL.

The water in Hong Kong, he said, was practically up to the London standard. The popular belief that the purification of water by chlorine was harmful was quite erroneous. Typhoid fever, and other water borne diseases, had been known to have followed when chlorination was discontinued.

In addressing the Rotarians, Dr. Minett said:—

The water supplies of Hong Kong as regards fresh water can be summed up in the one word "rain," as whether you get it from the tap or draw it up from a well the original source is the same.

The following factors influence the rainfall here:—The situation in Lat. 22°N. Long. 114°E., which should be a good one for rain; the temperature, which averages 72°F., ranging from 59°F. in February to 82°F. in July. Extremes of 32°F. and 97°F. have been recorded.

Then there is the humidity, which is affected by the temperature. The average is about 77 per cent. of saturation, ranging from 66 per cent. in November to 84 per cent. in April. A minimum of 4 per cent. has been recorded, and complete saturation, 100 per cent. is of fairly frequent occurrence.

As regards the source, the average rainfall is 85.7 inches per annum. The lowest recorded was 55.8 inches, and the highest 119.7 inches. This compares very favourably with Great Britain,



"Oo! Mrs. Smith, look! Your Willie's caught an aeroplane."  
—Passing Show, London.

where the average is from 30 to 40 inches. The rainy season is supposed to extend from May to September, necessitating about 7 months storage. Usually June, July, and August are the three wettest months with about 15 inches each. This rainfall is largely affected by the presence or absence of typhoons, one inch of rain falling on an acre of land representing 22,627 gallons.

**Collection.**  
The catchment area on the Island is 3,278 acres, and on the mainland, for Kowloon reservoir, 4,270 acres. We have no natural reservoirs such as lakes or rivers, and as the Island is simply a granite cone, a reservoir has to be specially constructed at great expense. On the Island there are six, there being Tytam, Wong Nei Chong, Aberdeen, Pokfulam, Shaukiwan and Chai Wan, and there are two large reservoirs on the Kowloon side. The water received into these reservoirs is very soft, the average hardness being 2.5 parts per 100,000. This is excellent for drinking, laundry, and trade purposes, but slightly deficient in lime.

**Quality Variable.**  
The quality, as regards pollution, of the raw water varies with the season of the year. It is poor in the early part of the rainy season, when the falling rain washes all sorts of pollution down into the reservoir, but it gradually improves after the rainy season is over, owing to self-purification, especially the Kowloon water. Houston gives the storage safety figure as two months, but we often get six.

Dr. Minett then explained in non-technical terms the action of bacteria. "Ordinary bacteria," he said, "will double itself, if there is any food in the water, in twenty minutes. This process of multiplication goes on as long as there is any food left. Then they turn cannibals, and begin to eat each other. And when there are none

the Government Bacteriologist weekly and the others as requested. The filtered water is of excellent quality.

The chemical analysis of the raw water is: Total solids 3.6 to 11.8 parts per 100,000; Chlorine as chlorides 0.67 to 1.27. It is practically neutral in reaction. This is a very good class of raw water, as would be expected from rain water collected off granite surfaces.

**Brackish Well Water.**  
A word about well waters. These are all of the "shallow" type and practically none of them are fit for drinking without purification. Their salt content varies with the season and their proximity to the harbour. One at the Cricket Club varies from 2.5 parts of sodium chloride to 30.69 parts per 100,000. Of the private wells at Shek O, those that I have examined give a very good quality of water.

**Water Shortage Measures.**  
Referring to measures taken during the water shortage in 1929, the speaker said that it had been necessary to bring in water to the Colony in ships. He had been out himself to select it, "and I might say that some of it was pretty awful stuff." Being badly polluted, it was found necessary to treat it on the ship before pumping it into the tanks on shore. The tanks were connected up so as to allow water to flow from one to the other, the water being treated again with one ounce of chlorinated lime to 1,000 gallons, or two parts per million of chlorine.

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services fixed the chlorine in water taken from tanks at 5 parts per million before issue. This was a very wise precaution, and most important, as the water had to be issued, of necessity, without previous filtration.

Dr. Minett concluded by thanking the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and the Water Authority for permission to give the address.

**Chlorination Explained.**  
A Rotarian who remained anonymous having asked a question as to what the chlorine treatment was, Dr. Minett explained that chlorine was a gas. It was used to put into the water in a compressed form, as a liquid. The machine through which it passed reconverted it into a gas as it trickled through into the reservoir.

**Sewage System Question.**  
Answering a further question as to the feasibility of installing a water-borne sewage system on the Island, Dr. Minett said that the answer was in the negative. Five gallons per head per day had been computed to be enough, but actual practice showed that it took ten gallons. This meant that the operating outlay would be too much. It would be necessary practically to double the supply, and to bring water over from the mainland. The trouble in Hong Kong was not lack of rain, but the difficulty in storing it.

Speaking merely as a bacteriologist, however, an operating system with sea-water had proved satisfactory in other places, and he saw no reason why the same system could not be introduced here.

Rotarian Arthur Woo returned brief thanks to the speaker for his excellent address.

**Visiting Rotarians.**  
The President, previous to the address, introduced four visitors in Mr. G. F. Parker, Professor Huizinger, Mr. R. D. Arnold, and Mr. New.

Mr. Parker, he said, was President of the Parker Pen Company, of Janesville, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and a Past President of the Rotary Club of that town. Professor Huizinger was Professor of History at the University of Leyden, and the President of the Royal Academy of Sciences of the Netherlands. Mr. Arnold had come from Yunnanfu, and Mr. New was a Singapore Rotarian.

Mr. Parker, in a brief address, referred to the kind reception accorded him at the Rotary Club in London, which had caused him to revise his previous idea that the British were rather "cold" people to those they did not know. "You Rotarians will shape the course of Hong Kong," he said. "People will look to you in time to come as the leaders of your community. Keep up with Rotary work, and you will put Hong Kong where it belongs." (Applause.)

**MURDERER HANGS.**  
**SEQUEL TO "BLAZING CAR" TRIAL.**

London, Yesterday.  
Alfred Arthur Rouse, convicted of the "blazing motor-car" murder, was executed in Bedford prison at eight o'clock this morning.

It is revealed that the Home Secretary, before finally endorsing the death sentence, took the extraordinary step of conferring with Mr. Justice Talbot, who tried the case, and the Lord Chief Justice, who presided at the appeal. Reuter.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner and Dances at Peninsula and Republic Bay Hotels.

To-day—Police Interport Carnival Dance, Lane Crawford's, 8.30 p.m.

Friday—S. P. C. A. Carnival, Peninsula Hotel.

March 17—St. Patrick's Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.

March 20—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

Entertainments.  
To-day—Queen's Theatre.  
"So This Is London."To-day—Central Theatre.  
"Hit The Deck."To-day—Majestic Theatre.  
"Smiling Irish Eyes."To-day—Star Theatre.  
"Firemen Save My Child."To-day—World Theatre.  
"When a Brother Sacrifices." (Chinese picture).

To-day—"Art and Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C. Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

Friday—Concert, Helena May Institute, Kowloon.

Sports.  
See Diary on page 8.Meetings.  
To-morrow—Hong Kong Club Members', 5.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Lecture by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

March 16—A. S. Watson &amp; Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Dairy Farm Ice &amp; Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Home Malls.  
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Kaga Maru).

Friday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Kaimala).

## LADY'S DEATH.

MRS. J. E. ANDERSON PASSES AWAY IN KOWLOON.

The numerous friends of Messrs. W. J. and J. E. Anderson, of the Anderson Music Company, Limited, will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. J. E. Anderson, which occurred this morning in the Claremont Hotel, Kowloon.

Mrs. Anderson came out to the Colony in 1915, accompanied by Miss Jean Anderson. Their ship was unfortunately torpedoed by a German submarine, and they lost everything.

Mrs. Anderson had been in failing health for some time. The funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.30 p.m.

## JOURNALIST DEAD.

BEGAN WRITING BEFORE HE WAS 16.

London, Yesterday.  
The death has occurred of Sir Alfred Robbins—Reuter.

[Sir Alfred Farthing Robbins, journalist, author, and prominent Freemason, was born at Launceston, Cornwall, in August, 1856, and educated at the local grammar school. He began writing for newspapers before he was 16, and for many years combined journalism with authorship, writing some plays, mainly with a leaning towards comedy, and also such serious works as "Five Years of Tory Rule," which appeared in 1897 just before a Disraeli Government was succeeded by a Gladstone Cabinet, "Wm. Edward Forster, the Man and his policy," and sketches of the lives of Lord Salisbury and Sir Beville Grenville.

In 1888 he received the important appointment of London correspondent of the Birmingham Post, and in the same year published "Practical Politics, or the Liberalism of To-day." It was, however, his work as a London correspondent that brought him distinction. In the 35 years after his appointment he was in touch with politicians and statesmen of all parties and his "London letter" often attracted the attention of the political world.

He was knighted in 1917. On the professional side of journalism he was very active, being chairman of the London district of the Institute of Journalists in 1903, president of the Institute in 1908 and vice-president of the Newspaper Fund in 1925.]

The egg production in Prince Edward Island last year is estimated at 8,100,000 dozen as against 4,800,000 dozen in 1928. 2,550,000 dozen, valued at \$775,000, were exported in 1929, while 600,000 pounds of poultry were produced at a value of \$405,000.

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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 14th March, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order.

C. B. BROWN.

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1931.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ash on the 17th March, 1931, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 21st March, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1931.

## RUBBER SCHEME.

DUTCH RETICENT ABOUT PROCEEDINGS.

"MAXWELL PROPOSALS."

Amsterdam, Yesterday.  
The Dutch Rubber Committee are very reticent in regard to the proceedings in London, but according to the Handelsblad, it is believed that the scheme adopted is based on the Maxwell proposals, which, in the course of the next fortnight, will be submitted for the consideration of circles interested in rubber, both in Holland and Great Britain.—Reuter.

## AGE OF VOTERS.

ELECTORAL REFORM BILL WITHDRAWN.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
The Privy Council, strongly opposed the lowering of the age qualification for parliamentary voters, hence the Government has decided to withdraw the Electoral Reform Bill.—Reuter.

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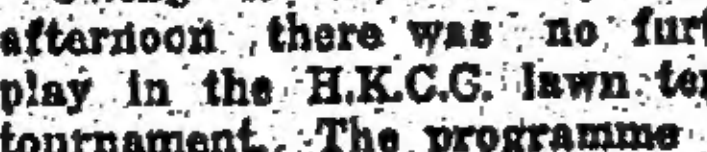
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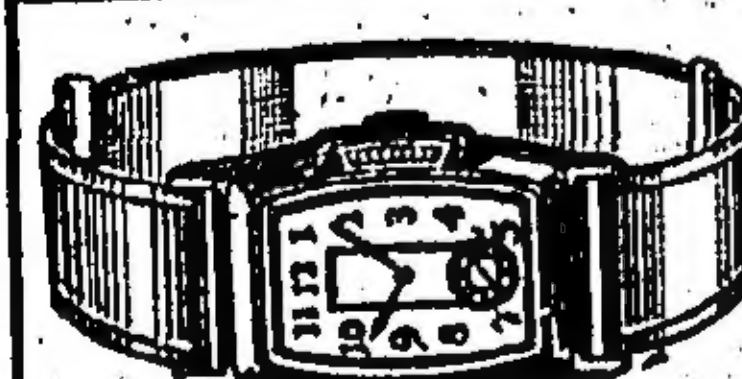
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## A.D.C. PRODUCTION. ROUND THE CINEMAS

GOOD COMEDY AND BAD  
CHARACTERS.

"ART AND MRS. BOTTLE"

Mrs. Bottle continued her all-conquering career in the Theatre Royal last night, in the A.D.C. production of "Art and Mrs. Bottle." If one's credulity can stand the strain, it will be found to be a highly amusing light comedy. There are plenty of clever lines, and some good epigrams. But one will have a sneaking sympathy for Mr. Bottle, who, when the curtain falls, has every prospect of being talked to death.

Fay Grossman gives her usual sound performance as Mrs. Bottle. The part requires a good deal of study, one imagines, but Miss Grossman triumphs over all difficulties. She is at her best in the "big" scene in the second act, where Mrs. Bottle, from her rather extensive experience, has a few sweeping things to say about Love and Art. Incidentally, every one except the parlour maid (who is not given a chance) has a few words on these two subjects during the evening. Apparently Bottles and their friend never discuss anything else.

Michael Marriot gives quite a notable performance, and quite captures the audience. He makes the most of his cleverly-devised scene with Frances Lack in the third act, although many in the audience, having started to laugh early, seemed to think this was the funniest thing of the evening. It is probably the most human incident in the play.

There can be nothing but admiration for Frances Lack as Sonia Tippet, a particularly sane artist's model. Here again the slightest mis-step would ruin the character. Miss Lack makes no such error, playing with conspicuous restraint all through.

Joyce Miskin has a thankless part as Judy Bottle. The average person might be forgiven for considering Judy either slightly demented, or supremely unobservant. There may, or may not be, girls of twenty-one who behave as Judy does. But surely they are a little too clear-sighted nowadays. Miss Miskin has tackled the part with resolution, and scores an unqualified success.

Alec Finter, as Mr. Bottle, foil to his amazing "Mrs." contrives to be bullied in a manner which pleased the audience mightily, whilst Rupert Foster, as Max Lightly, the artist who causes all the trouble, conveys the impression of the man who is "not immoral, but unmoral" (where have we heard this before) in adequate manner.

"Art and Mrs. Bottle" will draw crowded houses every night. So it should. The play deserves it. It is clever—very clever. But whether it is Art is open to question. —TENNER.

IRENE RICH AGAIN WILL  
ROGERS' WIFE.

IN "SO THIS IS LONDON."

Will Rogers will have no other screen wife than the adorable Irene Rich.

Some years ago, Will, the genial wit and philosopher, essayed to star in a few silent productions and Irene Rich was his screen wife then. When Rogers signed up with Fox Movietone he proposed that Miss Rich be cast again as his leading lady.

The result is screen history, "They Had To See Paris" was nothing short of a sensation and added vitality to Rogers' already wide popularity.

When it was decided that his second venture on the audible screen was to be "So This Is London," which is the Queen's Theatre's current attraction, none other than Irene Rich would suit Will as Mrs. Hiram Draper. Being a far-seeing woman, Miss Rich, who was playing vaudeville engagements, had a clause in her contract which would allow her to do what she most wanted to do—be Will's wife on the screen once more.

**POLY WALKER — BROADWAY BEAUTY.**

"HIT THE DECK."

To-day is the day!

"Hit The Deck," Radio Pictures' lavish, all-talking technicolour musical comedy opens in the Central Theatre. A cast of fourteen prominent players headed by Poly Walker, Broadway beauty, and Jack Oakie, sensational comedian, interpret the roles.

No expense or talent was spared to make the screen version the most pretentious offering of the season. A chorus of 200 singers and dancers lend a variety to the screen version that the stage could only suggest.

Luther Reed, who directed "Rio Rita" and Robert Kurrie, responsible for the photography of that sensational hit, again have given their talents in making "Hit The Deck" equally great.

Nine songs, with a musical background by three orchestras, will be heard. Scenes made at a Naval Base lend reality to the exterior.

The cast includes Poly Walker, Jack Oakie, Roger Gray, Frank Woods, George Ovey, Harry Sweet, Marguerita Padula, June Clyde, Ethel Clayton, Wallace MacDonald, Nate Slott, Andy Clark, Dell Henderson, and Charles Sullivan.

"HIGH SOCIETY BLUES"

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Polly Walker and Jack Oakie in Radio Pictures' girl and music comedy "Hit The Deck" now showing in Central Theatre.

## TRAFFIC IN GIRLS.

**LEAGUE COMMISSION NOW IN SHANGHAI.**

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
The League of Nations Commission enquiring into the traffic in women and girls in the Far East has arrived here, to study the conditions in Shanghai.

The Commission has already visited Siam, Indo-China, Hong Kong and the Philippines.—Reuter.

## FLIGHT TO TOKYO.

**FRENCH AIRMEN LEAVE FOR INDIA.**

Karachi, Yesterday.  
The French airmen Burtin and Moench, who are flying from Paris to Tokyo, departed from here at 7 a.m. for Allahabad.—Reuter.

## Y.W.C.A. WORK.

FIRST MEETING IN NEW PREMISES.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR

At the eleventh annual meeting, (and also the eleventh birthday) of the Young Women's Christian Association, held yesterday in the new headquarters in Bonham Road, the President, Mrs. Ma Wing-chai, expressed thanks to the subscribers and campaign workers for their generosity which had made the new home possible.

Mrs. Wong Kwok-shuen, Hon. Treasurer, read the financial statement. The price of the new property had been raised, but \$6,600 was needed to cover extension, alteration, equipment and furniture. This sum, plus \$9,400 for the year's expenses in 1931, will be sought in the coming financial campaign.

Annual Report.  
Points from the annual report were that 93 children were enrolled in the two Child Welfare Centres. The Girls' Department had grown to 350 members in eleven clubs. The Graduates' Club and Young Married Women's Club also reported satisfactory progress. Educational classes showed an enrolment of 125, and educational schools for factory girls and servants had attracted about 90 students. Guests in the Hostel during the year averaged 85.

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors for the following year:—Miss K. Woo, Mrs. Lam Tsan-wai, Mrs. Lam Tin-sang, Mrs. Kwok Kwai, Miss Chau Suk-ying and Mrs. Wong Tso-tsun.

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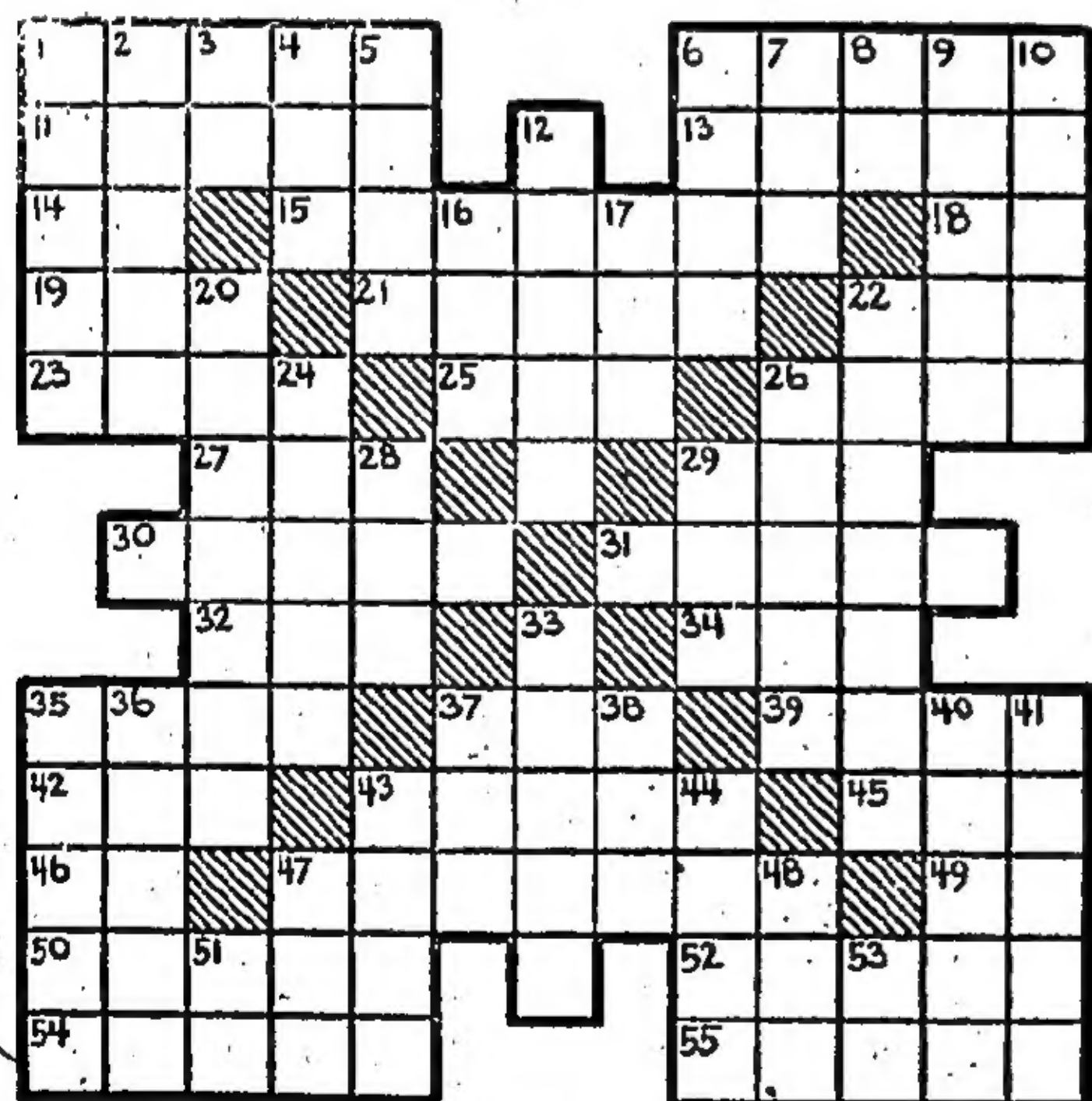
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- To mix
  - Age
  - To happen repeatedly
  - Clear
  - Part of verb "to be"
  - Existing in name only
  - Deposit account (abbr.)
  - Small movable bed
  - Heathen
  - Filled with moisture
  - Lady of King Arthur's court
  - Speak
  - Food and drink
  - Life
  - Enclosure for animals
  - More refined
  - Dispatches
  - A short sleep
  - High playing card
  - A goblin
  - A domestic pet
  - Mistakes
  - Beast of burden
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Firm
  - Perched
  - Musical note
  - Place where salt is made
  - Atlantic State (abbr.)
  - Part of a carpenter's joint
  - Beneath
  - Appearing as if gnawed
  - In plow, same as declared
- VERTICAL**
- To render firm
  - Fruit
  - Prefix from
  - A religious woman
  - Let fall
  - Extend over
  - Slack
  - A continent (abbr.)
  - Drink made from apples
  - Growing out
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- Angry
  - National (abbr.)
  - Now
  - Rambles
  - Not
  - To practice with the sword
  - Neptune (abbr.)
  - A vegetable
  - Slips
  - To sew loosely
  - Consisting of twigs of willow
  - Depression between two mountains
  - Blind
  - Flayed
  - Heavenly body (pl.)
  - Musical instrument
  - Musical distress
  - Signal
  - Point of compass (abbr.)
  - Negative reply
  - Metric measure of capacity (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

## FILM CHATTER.

## AMUSING STUDIES IN SCREEN SOPHISTICATION.

(By G. A. Atkinson, London Daily Telegraph Film Critic.)

London, Jan. 6.

One of my readers is anxious that I should discuss "the best film songs of 1930," and names her own favourite as "My Dream Lover," sung by Jeannette MacDonald in "The Love Parade." It is a charming song, and the sentiment is devastating, but I think most people would agree that the best number in "The Love Parade" is the "Song of the Grenadiers," also from Miss MacDonald, who made a great singing reputation last year.

There is another reader who thinks that the outstanding film songs of 1930 were "Tip-toe through the Tulips" and "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine," which adorned "Gold Diggers of Broadway." These were catchy tunes, though none of the catchy tunes of 1930 has attained the popularity of "Happy Days are Here Again."

The most attractive that I have heard is "Without a Song," out of "The Great Day," but as that film has not yet reached the public the song cannot be considered here.

American music publishers are able to exploit their songs in this country long before the relative films arrive.

## German Theme-Songs.

The critical test of a film song is its relation to the theme, of which it should be absolutely part and parcel.

An excellent example of that principle was "The Pagan Love Song," which fitted that rather mediocre film "The Pagan" so well that it carried the production to success. There was no theme-song in 1930 that reached the standard of "The Pagan Love Song."

The nearest approaches to it were "Falling in Love Again," from "Blue Angel," "The Love Waltz," from the film of the same name; and the thematic waltz air from "The Immortal Vagabond," which latter I regard as the best of the year. These are all German tunes.

If I had to choose the most attractive song in 1930 films, irrespective of thematic values, I think I should pick "It Happened in Monterey," sung by John Boles in "The King of Jazz."

Mabel Wayne, who wrote and composed "It Happened in Monterey," is also the composer of "Ramona" and "Ragamuffin Romeo."

She told an interviewer that she was the "inventor of the syncopated waltz," and she sold "Monterey" to the "King of Jazz" producer by ringing him up from New York on the transcontinental telephone and playing the song to him over the wire.

The public has tired of the more rapid type of musical film, though the most popular dance number of the moment, I am told, is "I'm Dancing with Tears in my Eyes, for the Girl in my Arms Isn't You." There, in fifteen words, is the essential secret of "what the public wants."

## See Paris First.

Sophistication, according to European standards, indicates a knowledge of things in general, but according to Hollywood standards it seems to indicate a general knowledge of Europe.

The fact that its notions of Europe are mainly wrong does not upset Hollywood's theory of sophistication.

The argument is excellently illustrated in a would-be-smart talkie called "Sin Takes a Holiday," in the essential secret of "what the public wants."

This presents the beautiful Constance Bennett, Basil Rathbone, Kenneth McKenna, and others, in a drama based on the fact that a divorce lawyer is himself ensnared by a divorce-seeking woman.

In order to prevent her capturing him he marries his secretary, on condition that the secretary, who

really loves him, goes abroad on a handsome allowance.

She goes to Paris. Not only does she go to Paris, but everyone takes it for granted that to Paris she will go.

On the way to Paris she is annexed by one of her husband's friends, who owns a magnificent chateau, in which he installs her.

After a round of the pleasure resorts and beauty parlours, which add the word "chic" to the heroine's appeal, the philanderer takes her back to New York with the intention of divorcing and marrying her, but the husband now finds that he loves his former secretary, and all ends as it should do.

"Sin Takes a Holiday" fails because the heroine is supposed to be a plain girl, of commonplace appeal, but one has only to glance at Miss Bennett and listen to her attractive voice to reject the supposition as foolish.

Much of the drama is in bad taste, and some of the dialogue is at least vulgar.

Sophistication is betrayed when an actress of obvious culture is made to speak such lines as: "There is nothing the matter with me that calls for anything that's strong," but the "below stairs" use of "that" is always turning up in Hollywood talkies.

## Not So Spanish.

"In Gay Madrid," one of the general releases, presents Ramon Novarro in what looks like an attempt to plant the conventional American college story in Castilian soil. The director's ignorance of what can be conveniently called "old Spanish customs" does not disturb the cheerful spirit in which he uses them.

The critic's difficulty is that there is a beauty, charm, and dignity about Spanish traditions that as sorts ill with this drama of a college boy who all but wrecks the aristocratic marriage reserved for him by getting into a scrape with a cabaret girl.

What Spanish atmosphere there may be in the production finally disappears in a boisterous burlesque of the conventional serenade.

One of the students is even made to say: "I'll be right with you, fellows!" which would sound all right on the campus, but is something less than appropriate in Castilian setting.

Nevertheless, there is a pleasing disingenuousness about "In Gay Madrid." Mr. Novarro, being of Spanish stock, looks his part and acts it with an air of distinction, though he is not absolved from a suspicion of "guying" it.

He is supported by pretty Dorothy Jordan, with whom he appeared in "Devil-May-Care," and there are moments in which their love-scenes touch sincerity.

## Recommended.

## A Gallant Spectacle.

"The Vagabond King," which heads this week's list of general releases, sets out to be a personal triumph for Dennis King, in the role which he made famous on the stage.

The actual honours, however, are annexed by O. P. Heggie, who presents the sinister motives of Louis XI. with such disarming whimsicality that he ends by winning the spectators' sympathy, though the outstanding hit, to my mind, is made by Lillian Roth, in the role of a Parisian street girl whose charms all but excuse her lack of virtue.

A scene in which she dies, having intercepted the knife intended for her lover, Villon, is one of the few really convincing episodes of human emotion that the talkies have yet achieved, and this one scene atones for much that is blatantly artificial in the production as a whole.

Mr. King has a magnificent way with him, and he stings with immense gusto, but his gestures are over-theatrical and his emotions soulless.

"The Vagabond King" is a great effort, full of fine spectacle, costume, bravado, music and song, but there is a touch of naivety in its composition. It never really comes to life, except in the stirring mob scenes towards the conclusion. Admirers of Jeannette MacDonald will enjoy her duet singing with Mr. King, though her histrionic performance is negligible.

## Recommended.

More "Sophistication." Norma Shearer, who is generally regarded as one of Hollywood's most "sophisticated" actresses, is featured in "Let Us Be Gay," adapted from the Tallulah Bankhead play, and presented this week at the Empire.

The drama is concerned with a rather dowdy wife, who, finding that her husband is "carrying on" elsewhere, divorces him, and subsequently blossoms forth as a much-travelled and highly-pollished flirt. In this capacity she is engaged by a

Riveran dowager to separate the former husband from a too-susceptible maiden, an adventure which ends in the reconciliation of the divorced couple.

The production is an easy triumph for Marie Dressler in the role of the formidable dowager. The others, with the exception of one or two minor roles, fall short of conviction.

Miss Shearer's transformation is ingenious, but her work lacks the vital spark. Rod La Rocque plays the role of the philandering husband too heavily. Philanderers may be wicked, but they are rarely dull.

Much of the dialogue is clever, and the social settings are well contrived, in spite of a suspicion that here and there the nuances are missing.

## Comedy and Farce.

Miss Dressler also appears with her famous cross-talk partner, Polly Moran, in "Caught Short," one of the best comedy releases of the season.

The inimitable pair are featured in a story based on the social rise

of a couple of middle-class New York women during the stock market boom, and their subsequent humiliation when prices collapse.

The story is merely an excuse for the personal duel between Miss Dressler and Miss Moran, two of the most consummately skilful players that the screen has ever known.

"Caught Short" is a masterpiece of shrewd characterisation and democratic wit, not less human than humorous. Strongly recommended.

"Bed and Breakfast," an view at the Astoria, is the new Walter Forde production which had such an unfortunate experience during the fog that made the opening of the Trocadero an unrehearsed drama.

This new British comedy exploits a rather broad vein of humour based on the familiar theme of matrimonial exchange.

The treatment occasionally lacks decorum, but the production does not pretend to be other than farcical.

Mr. Forde has an unfailing fund of "gags," and he is well served by his cast, which includes Jane Baxter, a pretty and clever newcomer, Sari Maritza, Ruth Maitland, an dthe experienced quartet, Richard Cooper, Frederick Volpe, Alf Goddard, and David Hawthorne.

## WARSHIP WIRED.

## FOR "SHIPMATES"—A TALKING FILM.

Wiring the U. S. S. Colorado for sound, Harry Pollard has started production on "Shipmates," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Navy romance featuring Robert Montgomery and Dorothy Jordan. Montgomery plays a "gob" and the story, an original by Lou Edelman and Delmar Daves, abounds with traditions of the service.

Chief Edwards is the big comedy gun, and Ernest Torrence the veteran Chief Petty Officer; Hobart Bosworth is the admiral; Gavin Gordon a dashing lieutenant; Edward Nugent is "What-He" and Joan Marsh is a companion to Miss Jordan. Others in the cast are E. A. Warren and George Irving.

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Garoupa	石斑	"	62	32	25				
Gudgeon	鳊鱼	"	20	40	30				
Herrings	鲱鱼	"	22	22	18				
Halibut	鳕鱼	"	23	13	23				
Labrus	海狗	"	32	18	15				
Loach	小鲈	"	58	32	18				
Lobsters	龙虾	"	48	62	24				
Mackerel	鲭鱼	"	23	32	21				
Monk Fish	鳎鱼	"	32	20	20				
Mullet	鲻鱼	"	23	13	2				
Oysters	牡蛎	"	34	12	2				
Parrot Fish	鹦嘴鱼	"	22	14	9				
Perc	鲈鱼	"	24	30	15				
Pike	鳕鱼	"	32	16	9				
Plaice	鳕鱼	"	34	36	20				
Pomfret, White	白鲷	"	50	36	30				
Pomfret, Black	黑鲷	"	38	35	45				
Prayus	沙丁鱼	"	60	10	14				
Ray	鳐鱼	"	15	10	14				
Rock Fish	石斑	"	21	13	18				
Roach	鲈鱼	"	23	22	10				
Salmon	鲑鱼	"	60	30	30				
Shark	鲨鱼	"	18	8	10				
Shrimp	虾	"	18	10	10				
Shrimps	虾	"	40	32	30				
Skipper	鲱鱼	"	42	28	28				
Sole	鳕鱼	"	32	23	28				
Tench	鲈鱼	"	28	26	35				
Turbot	鳕鱼	"	28	12	12				
Turtles, small, fr. water	小水龟	"	110	40	"				
Poultry.									
Chicken	鸡	lb.	65	30	31				
Capon, Small	小阉鸡	"	62	28	30				
Capon, Large	大阉鸡	"	64	28	30				
Duck	鸭	"	50	22	21				
Doves	鸽	each	40	22	21				
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	鸡蛋	per doz.	35	18	"				
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鲜鸡蛋	"	38	25	20				
Fowls, Canton	本地鸡	lb.	72	36	24				
Fowls, Hainan	海南鸡	"	58	85	24				
Geese	大雁	each	48	24	24				
Pigeons, Canton	白鸽	each	50	80	"				
" Hothow	白鸽	"	40	28	"				
Turkeys, Cock	火鸡	lb.	75	"	"				
Turkeys, Hen	火鸡	"	62	61	45				
Snipe	沙山	each	32	"	"				
Pheasant	沙山	pair	2.60	"	"				
Quail	山鸡	each	50	"	"				
Partridges	山鸡	"	1.00	"	"				
Fruits.									
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	35	"				
Apples (California)	金山苹果	"	30	26	"				
Bananas (bride's)	燕山香蕉	"	6	4	"				
Carambola	杨桃	"	12	"	"				
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10				
Lemons, China	金山柠檬	lb.	12	25	30				
Lemons (American)	金山柠檬	each	13	8	"				
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	80	25	30				
Oranges (Canton)	新会甜橙	"	18	"	"				
Oranges	橙子	"	24	"	15				
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	20	"	"				
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12				
Persimmons, Large	大柿	"	12	"	"				
Plantain	蕉	"	5	8	"				
Pumelo, Siam	暹罗柚	each	16	12	6				
Walnuts	胡桃	"	20	"	18				
Grapes	合提子	"	60	"	"				
Vegetables, &c.									
Artichokes	蓟	each	12	"	3				
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	5	"	7				
" Long	长豆	"	"	8	"				
Beet Root	红苜蓿	"	12	"	"				
Bitter Squash	苦瓠	"	6	24	"				
Brijafala, Green	青瓜	"	15	5	3				
" Red	红瓜	"	6	5	3				
Cabbage, Chinese	大白菜	"	8	"	"				
" (Shanghai)	上海白菜	"	12	12	"				
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹笋	"	10	"	"				
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	20	"	"				
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	16	"	"				
" (Small)	小花椰菜	"	14	6	6				
Carrots	金萝卜	lb.	6	5	6				
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	10	10	6				
Chillies, Dried	辣椒	"	15	25	5				
" Red	红辣椒	"	10	10	10				
" Green	青辣椒	"	8	8	12				
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱粉	"	10	8	"				
Cucumbers	黄瓜	"	10	2	"				
Garlic	蒜	"	10	6	6				
Ginger, Young	子姜	"	8	7	"				
" Old	老姜	"	7	10	"				
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海辣根	"	25	8	4				
Indian Corn	玉米	"	8	45	"				
Lettuce	生菜	"	6	1	"				
Water Chestnuts	荸荠	"	8	"	8				
" Mandarin	桂花荸荠	"	10	"	8				
Mushrooms, Fresh	鲜蘑菇	"	"	8	"				
Okroes	茄子	"	1	10	"				
Onions, Bombay	洋葱	"	10	8	8				
" Green	青葱	"	6	4	6				
" Shanghai	上海葱	"	8	6	"				
Paraley, Sweet	万寿果	"	15	60	8				
Potato, Sweet	日本薯仔	"	5	3	"				
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	4	3	"				
" American	金山薯仔	"	"	3	"				
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	5	4	4				
Radish	红萝卜	"	5	"	"				
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大萝卜	"	15	"	10				
Shallots	葱	"	6	"	8				
Splach	九层塔	"	6	8	"				
Tomatoes	番茄	"	12	4	"				
Taroon	芋头	"	5	7	"				
Turnips, Puati (Long)	长萝卜	"	9	6	"				
Vegetable Marrow	菜瓜	"	"	4	"				
Water Cress	水芹	"	8	15	"				
Water Lily Root	莲藕	"	6	16	"				



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## TORIES AND INDIA

### 'GRAVITY OF CHANGE OF FRONT.

### BALDWIN'S FOLLY

### GREAT CRISIS IN EMPIRE'S HISTORY.

London, Yesterday.  
The gravity of the Conservative change of front to India is illustrated by comments in the evening papers.

The Evening Standard (the Beaverbrook organ), says that while Mr. Duff-Cooper, Mr. Stanley Baldwin's champion at St. George's by-election, was declaring in a speech last night that the recent cartoon in an evening paper ridiculing Lord Irwin should be treated as a treasonable offence, Mr. Baldwin was doing worse. He was deserting Lord Irwin, whom he had hitherto vehemently supported.

The article adds that the effect of this amazing reversal by Mr. Baldwin was that he had damaged himself, the Conservative Party and the country.

The Evening News (the Rothermere organ), says that the Duke of Plazatoro was Bayard and Rustum combined compared with Mr. Baldwin, who has so suddenly withdrawn the support from which his friend, Lord Irwin, had derived such comfort.

The Liberal Star says that a week ago Hindu fanatics were obstructing the possibility of peace. Now Tory fanaticism was barring the way to peace and progress. It is unthinkable that the Party which prided itself on its responsibility in Imperial affairs should have thrown in its hand at one of the great crises in the Empire's history.

Atmosphere Unsuitable.  
An authoritative Conservative

statement interpreting last night's announcement on Mr. Baldwin's Round Table decision, says that Conservatives do not object in principle to a further Round Table Conference in India, if such will prove desirable in due course; but they do object to such a conference at the present time on the grounds of procedure. They consider the present atmosphere in India unsuitable for such a conference and contend that the Government did not initiate the preliminary enquiries they had promised before a further Round Table Conference. It is declared that Mr. Baldwin's decision is by no means a new declaration of policy, but merely Mr. Baldwin's considered view as regards the right procedure.

Gandhi's Vow.  
Ahmedabad, Yesterday.  
A year ago Gandhi vowed that he would not return to his seminary here till a constitution acceptable to the All-India Congress had been achieved by the Round Table Conference. Asked what he would do if the forthcoming meeting of Congress in Karachi rejected the Irwin-Gandhi agreement, Gandhi replied that in that case he would not be called to the Round Table Conference.

### Riot in Bombay.

Bombay, Yesterday.  
Following the recent fighting in Multijetha Market (Bombay's biggest foreign cloth market), in which several Congress Volunteers were badly knocked about while endeavouring to interfere with a seller of foreign cloth, the Native Piece Goods Merchants' Association decided to close the market until the arrival of Gandhi on March 16, when it is hoped that methods of "peaceful picketing" provided for in the Irwin-Gandhi settlement can be agreed to and arrangements may be reached for the disposal of foreign piece goods.—Reuter.

### Mahatma's Triumph.

Ahmedabad, Yesterday.  
Within a couple of days of the anniversary of his departure at the head of a column of volunteers to initiate the civil disobedience movement, Gandhi returned here from Delhi amid the frantic enthusiasm of his devotees, who raided his train at practically every stopping place en route, and

dangerously clambered on the running boards, buffers, and even the roofs of the coaches, showering the Mahatma with gifts of money and garlands of flowers.

The Nawab of Palanpur boarded the train at Palanpur, and accompanied Gandhi for some distance. They rode on the bare wooden seats of a third class carriage, the Nawab strangely contrasting with the simple robed Mahatma.—Reuter.

### OIL PROSPECTING.

### COMPANIES SECURE RIGHTS IN DUTCH INDIES.

### CONCESSIONS APPROVED.

The Hague, Yesterday.  
The Upper Chamber to-day voted 4,500,000 florins to aid the potato starch industry, and the Second Chamber approved of two Bills authorising the Government to conclude agreements with the Colonial Petroleum and Batavia Petroleum Companies, regarding concessions of prospecting and exploitation rights in oil in certain areas in the Dutch East Indies.—Reuter.

### PERU PEACEFUL.

### PERIOD OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

### PROVISIONAL PRESIDENCY.

New York, Yesterday.  
Peru, after weeks of vicissitudes, seems to be settling down to a period of responsible government. Colonel David Ocampo, head of the Southern Junta, has accepted the provisional Presidency offered him by Colonel Jimenez, head of the Northern Junta, who has been President for the past three days.—Reuter's American Service.

### U.S. POLITICIAN DEAD.

Baltimore, Yesterday.  
The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Cotton, Under-Secretary of State.—Reuter's American Service.

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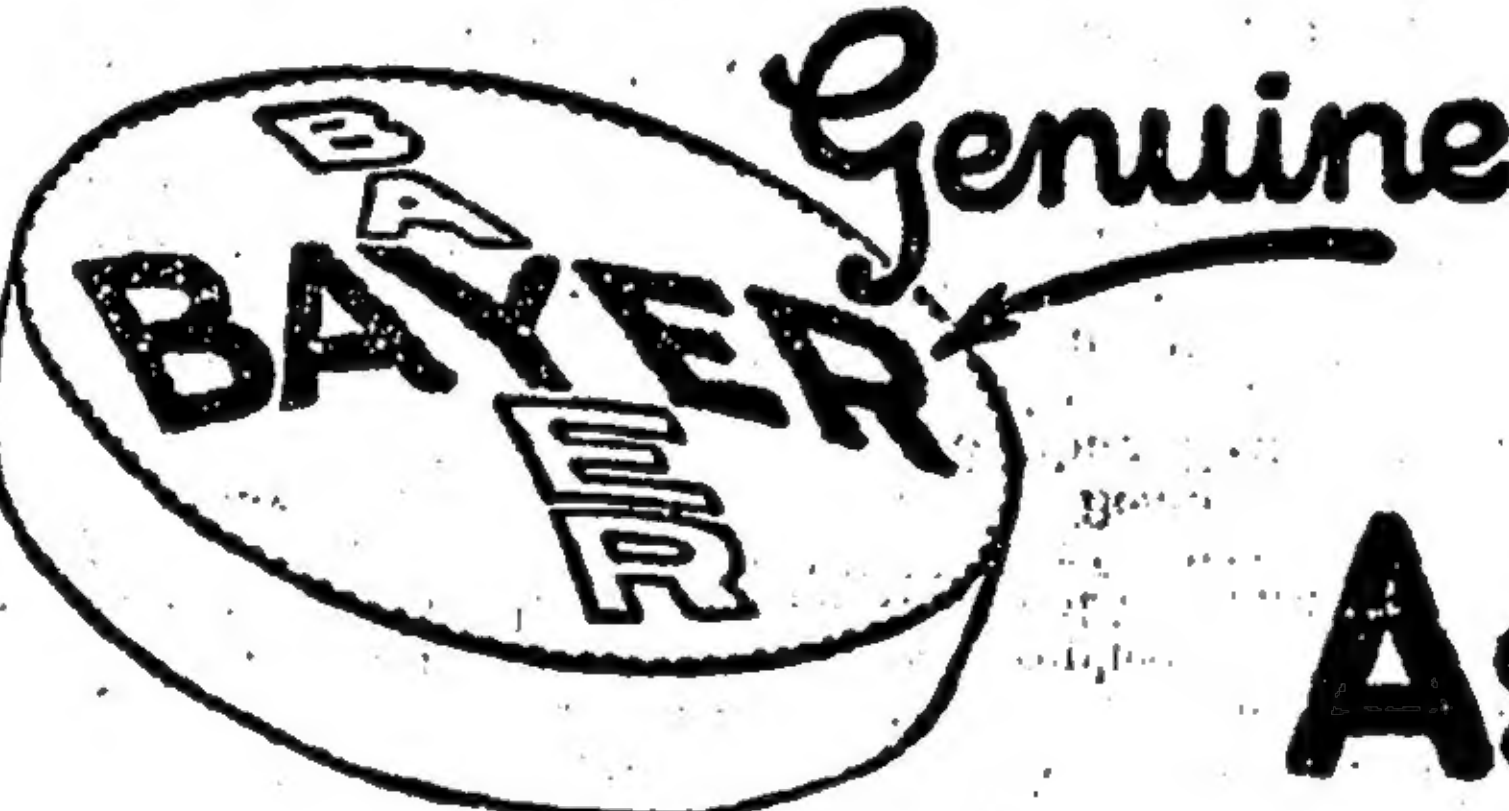
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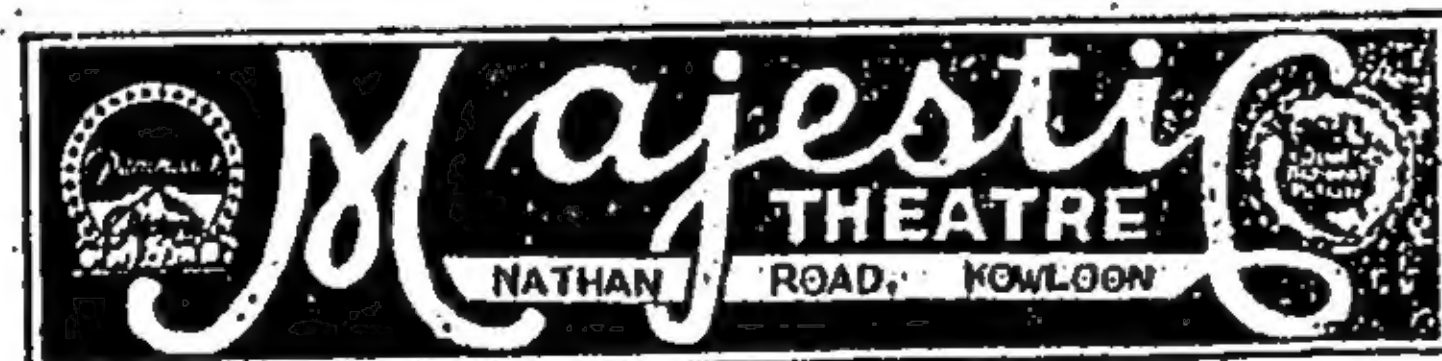
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